GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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National Green Highway Mission for Rural Economy
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plantation drive on one lakh km. of highways under the National Green Highways Mission will create jobs and prove to be a game changer for the rural economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has kick started the initial plantation drive on 1,500 km. on National Highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the cost involved in the drive?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) and (b) The plantation activities are labour intensive. Generation of employment opportunities is an outcome of all plantation programmes.

(c) and (d) Plantations are part of all highway development projects. Median and avenue plantations are generally included in highway contracts. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has also launched the Green Highways (Plantation, Transplantation, Beautification & Maintenance) Policy, 2015 to promote greening of Highway corridors with participation of the community, farmers, private sector, NGOs and government institutions.
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